Children Playing Outside
Playing out or playing up?

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Children often play outside and this has always been a traditional part of growing up. Playing outside is a fun and healthy way for children to spend time with their friends - throwing or kicking a ball around is a good way of getting exercise, burning off energy and staying out of trouble.
Young children are much safer when they are playing in areas where their parents or guardians can see them. Children and their parents or guardians may think there are dangers in playing further away from their home. These dangers could include bullying, traffic, gangs and ‘stranger danger’.

We encourage all residents to consider the benefits of letting children play outdoors and make the most of the sunshine and fresh air while they can.

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If you feel you need to make a complaint about children playing outside, please be aware that we will not take action if the children are:

- playing outside in small groups during reasonable hours;
- not causing damage to landscaping or property; or
- making only a reasonable amount of noise.

**We may take action if:**

- we receive complaints about the children playing large, organised games of football every day;
- landscaped areas or property are being damaged and we can identify who is responsible for this;
- the games turn into acts of antisocial behaviour; or
- children or young adults are causing distress or damage.
Your responsibilities

If you are a parent or guardian and your children play outside, you should make sure that they are playing in a safe environment and not causing a nuisance to other residents. This may involve supervising them.

If you are experiencing problems with children playing, you should first talk to their parents or guardians - they or their children may not realise there is a problem. You should ask that their children continue playing their games without shouting or screaming too loudly, and without kicking their balls near your property.

If children or young adults are causing damage to landscaped areas or private property, you should contact **Police Scotland on 101**

If you know the child or the young adult, you should contact your housing office with these details.

Details of all local housing offices can be found under useful contacts section.

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Useful contact numbers

Area housing offices

Beith and Dalry Housing Office
01294 835355 / dalryhousing@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

Irvine Housing Office
01294 310150 / irvinehousing@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

Kilbirnie Housing Office
01505 685177 / kilbirniehousing@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

Kilwinning Housing Office
01294 552261 / kilwinninghousing@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

Largs Housing Office
01475 687590 / largshousing@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

Three Towns Housing Office
01294 310005 / threetownshousing@north-ayrshire.gov.uk
Antisocial Behaviour Investigation Team  
01294 314692 / ASBIT@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

Common Housing Register  
commonhousingregisterteam@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

Community Wardens  
01294 314690 / communitywardens@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

Home Security Project  
homesecuritypoint@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

Police Scotland  
101

Tenancy Support  
tenancysupport@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

Victim Support  
0845 603 9213

Women’s Aid  
01294 602424
Contact North Ayrshire Council on 01294 310000
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